

House File 687 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment of an energy=efficient
2 appliance assistance grant program and fund, and making an
3 appropriation.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 216A.104 ENERGY=EFFICIENT
1 2 APPLIANCE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.
1 3 The division shall establish an energy=efficient appliance
1 4 assistance grant program. The purpose of the program is to
1 5 make distributions in the form of grants to individuals or
1 6 families with incomes at or below one hundred percent of the
1 7 federal poverty level as defined by the most recently revised
1 8 poverty income guidelines published by the United States
1 9 department of health and human services. The grants shall be
1 10 in amounts of up to twenty percent of the purchase price of
1 11 household appliances meeting the energy star efficiency rating
1 12 developed by the United States environmental protection agency
1 13 and affixed with the energy star label. Application forms and
1 14 approval criteria for participation in the program shall be
1 15 established by the administrator by rule.
1 16 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 216A.105 ENERGY=EFFICIENT APPLIANCE
1 17 ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM == FUND ESTABLISHED == APPROPRIATION.
1 18 1. An energy=efficient appliance assistance grant program
1 19 fund is created in the state treasury to be administered by
1 20 the division. Moneys deposited in or appropriated to the fund
1 21 shall be used to administer the energy=efficient appliance
1 22 assistance grant program and make program grants pursuant to
1 23 section 216A.104.
1 24 2. There is annually appropriated from the general fund of
1 25 the state to the division the sum of two hundred fifty
1 26 thousand dollars for deposit into the fund to administer the
1 27 energy=efficient appliance assistance grant program.
1 28 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
1 29 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
1 30 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
1 31 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
1 32 the succeeding fiscal year.

EXPLANATION

1 34 This bill establishes an energy=efficient appliance grant
1 35 program within the division of community action agencies of
2 1 the department of human rights to assist low-income
2 2 individuals or families with the purchase of energy=efficiency
2 3 household appliances.
2 4 The bill requires that individuals or families have incomes
2 5 at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level as
2 6 defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines
2 7 published by the United States department of health and human
2 8 services in order to qualify for a grant. Grants shall be in
2 9 amounts of up to 20 percent of the purchase price of a
2 10 household appliance which meets the energy star efficiency
2 11 rating developed by the United States environmental protection
2 12 agency. The bill states that application forms and approval
2 13 criteria for participation in the program shall be established
2 14 by the administrator of the division by rule, and appropriates
2 15 \$250,000 annually to the division for deposit into an
2 16 energy=efficient appliance assistance grant program fund to
2 17 administer the program and make program grants.
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